INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

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On May 30, 1996, Sergeants Jason Lum and Curtiss Burnett of the Internal Affairs Bureau, along with Lieutenant Ron Tardiff of the Advocacy Unit responded to [redacted] Wright Road, Lynwood, regarding a deputy involved non-hit shooting. The involved deputy, Wayne Carpini, #[redacted] gave a brief account of the incident on audio tape (Exhibit A).

Deputy Carpini said he was working 212 P.M.'s, in the City of Lynwood. Carpini said while travelling N/B Wright Road from the 105 Freeway he saw a suspicious person in a field east of Wright Road. Carpini said the person looked at him, acted nonchalant, and seemed to have no purpose for being at the location.

Deputy Carpini said because of the suspect's suspicious actions and the time of day (approximately 2015 hours), he drove to Cortland Avenue and approached the suspect's location through an alley. Carpini said that while travelling down the alley, he saw the suspect, who was ahead of him, jump a fence and run away. Deputy Carpini said he drove quickly toward the suspect, but the suspect disappeared . Carpini's said he requested a helicopter to search the area for the suspect, however, the suspect was not found.

Deputy Carpini said he left the area for approximately 20 minutes and then decided to return and resume searching for the suspect. Carpini said when he arrived near the area where he had previously seen the suspect, he saw the suspect walking in the alley. Carpini said he then drove toward the alley and decided to turn off his headlights. Upon reaching the alley, Carpini said he proceeded in the direction where he had seen the suspect walking.

Deputy Carpini said as he approached the end of the alley, he noticed a large bush (Exhibit B) to the left of his radio car. Carpini additionally stated that because he could not see behind the bush, he decided not to drive beyond it. Deputy Carpini said as he positioned his foot against his driver's door panel and placed his radio car in park, he saw someone who fit the suspect's description, jump from behind the bush. Carpini said he then heard gunfire and he immediately lay down on his car seat for cover.

Deputy Carpini said that while lying on the car seat, he advised the station via his car radio that he was taking gunfire. Carpini said he then decided to get out of the radio car and seek cover at the rear. Carpini said while at the rear of the radio car, he shined his flashlight in front of the radio car. Carpini said at that time, he saw the suspect standing in front of the radio car on a small mound of dirt. Carpini said when the suspect turned and faced him, he (Carpini) fired two rounds from his handgun at the suspect. Carpini said that after firing the two rounds, he dropped to his knees for cover.

Carpini said that when he looked toward the suspect again, he saw the suspect leap over a fence and disappear. Carpini said he then moved toward the fence and noted that the suspect had apparently run away. Carpini said that while searching the immediate area of the fence, he retrieved a handgun that the suspect had apparently dropped. Deputy Carpini concluded by saying that he then set up a containment, searched for the supect, but to no avail.

At the conclusion of the containment and search for the suspect, Century Station Detectives Danny Smith, #[redacted] and Jeff Leslie, #[redacted] along with Investigators Ralph Salazar and Martin Mutuc of Sheriff's Scientific Services, conducted a search for evidence at the crime scene. Detective Smith stated that they located two bullet strikes (Exhibit C) in the front grill area of Deputy Carpini's radio car.

Deputy Smith additionally stated that one of the bullet strikes was in the hood just above the grill and the other strike was located in the radiator. Deputy Smith stated that they also retrieved a 9mm shell casing that had apparently been fired by Deputy Carpini. On the following day, Deputy Leslie returned to the location and found the second shell casing expended by Deputy Carpini. Leslie also recovered two spent .25 calibre casings in the area where the suspect shot at Carpini.

> **IAB NOTE:** Due to the vacant area in which Deputy Carpini fired his weapon, it was futile for the investigators to search for his expended rounds.